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# THE LEGAL REVOLUTION

Putting the Keys to the Law in the Hands of Those Most Impacted by It



A Global Blueprint for Legal Reparations & Community Justice.

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## Overview

The Legal Revolution is a movement to structurally transform the legal discipline through a series of legal initiatives that center racial equity, mental health & wellness, and the expertise of those most impacted by the law.



# THE LEGAL REVOLUTION



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# PIPELINE & LAW FIRM

## Core Components

The Legal Revolution is anchored by a Prison to Law Pipeline & a civil rights Law Firm that exist to democratize legal education and strategically intervene into the legal discipline over the next decade—structurally reshaping its contours to benefit and comprehensively include incarcerated and formerly incarcerated legal practitioners.



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# WHY THIS MATTERS

## Access is Everything

Nobody warrants access to legal education more than someone who has been directly impacted by legal processes and racialized legal outcomes. Yet, notwithstanding notable progress with the college behind bars movement locally and nationally, currently incarcerated scholars do not have access to ABA-accredited law or paralegal degrees.



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# THE EXISTING BARRIERS

## Barriers to Degrees for Incarcerated Scholars

- Law school admissions' "morality clauses"
- Tech-related access to legal and paralegal degrees
- Synchronous, in-person learning that is historically required by law schools & the ABA
- The cost associated with legal education
- Substandard access to prerequisite undergraduate degrees
- Access to legal licensure due to "character and fitness" barriers
- Access to mental health supports & testing accommodations



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# PIPELINE & LAW FIRM

**The Prison-to-Law Pipeline (Pipeline)**  
The Pipeline will ensure that currently incarcerated scholars have access to ABA-accredited paralegal and legal degrees. The aim of the program is to democratize legal education and transform the legal landscape by putting the keys to the law in the hands of those most impacted by it .



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# Paralegal Pilot PIPELINE & LAW FIRM



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## Overview

The Prison to Law Pipeline's Paralegal Pilot officially commenced in August of 2021 with 5 scholars who are enrolled in the country's first ABA-approved, post-associates paralegal certificate for incarcerated scholars through North Hennepin Community College. These 5 individuals, who have now completed their first semester, reside in Shakopee & Stillwater prisons.

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# PARALEGAL

# Paralegal Pilot **PIPELINE** **& LAW** **FIRM**



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## Curriculum (30 Credits)

- Intro to Law & Paralegal Studies
- Litigation I & II
- Legal Research & Writing I & II
- Computer Apps in the Legal Profession
- Family Law
- Contracts & Business Organizations
- Criminal Law & Procedure
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Legal Studies Seminar, Practicum

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*Paralegal Pilot*  
**PIPELINE**  
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**SCHOLARS**



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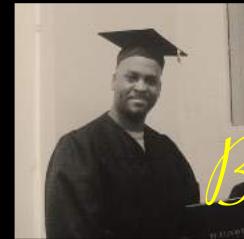
Zhi Kai



Jennifer



Lennell



Booker



Heather

NORTH  
HENNEPIN  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
A member of Minnesota State

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# Juris Doctorate Pilot **PIPELINE** **& LAW** **FIRM**

## Overview

The Prison to Law Pipeline's Juris Doctorate Pilot is slated to commence in August of 2022 in partnership with Mitchell Hamline School of Law. This pilot will welcome the first American scholars to attend law school from prison.



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# *Juris Doctorate Pilot* **PIPELINE**



*Pepi*



*Maureen*



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## Meet Pepi & Maureen

These two legal scholars have already made history by being among the first in the United States to take their LSAT exams from prison; exams that were proctored by the Dean of Mitchell Hamline School of Law.

# Juris Doctorate Pilot **PIPELINE**



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## Application Pending

After scoring competitively on her LSAT exam in January 2021, Maureen now has an application for admission pending at Mitchell Hamline School of Law. **She plans to commence her historic JD pursuit in the Fall of 2022.**



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# PIPELINE

Power of the Pipeline Over 10 Years  
(Scaled Nationally) •

- 100+ Juris Doctorate Degrees
- 250+ Paralegal Degrees



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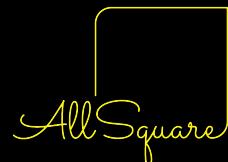
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*Coming in 2023*

## The Legal Revolution Law Firm

The Firm will employ Pipeline graduates while approaching jurisprudence through the needs and expectations of our community. Opening in 2023, the Firm will also create innovative ways for those with the lived experience to engage in legal work—with or without a legal degree and/or professional licensure.

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*Coming in 2023*

Phase I: Identify gaps in legal services provided for incarcerated and formerly incarcerated community.

Phase II: Develop innovative employment prototype (2023)

Phase III: Employ pipeline graduates (2024)

Phase IV: Impact litigation (2025)

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# MEET OUR TEAM



Emily Hunt Turner,  
Revolution CEO



John Goeppinger,  
Revolution Director



Maya Johnson  
Prison-to-Law Pipeline  
Director



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# MEET *Community* OUR PARTNERS

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# MEET Institutional OUR PARTNERS



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## *Partner Feature*

### **Creative Kuponya**

Arguably the most critical component of our Legal Revolution is ensuring that all Pipeline

scholars and Firm staff have access to individual and family therapy, as well as creative wellness services—all of which will be provided by our partners at Creative Kuponya: mental health experts whose practice is centered on art, body movement and the celebration of culture.



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# **MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORTS**



Sara Stamschror-Lott, LMFT Jamil Stamschror-Lott, LICSW

## *Partner Feature*

### **Until We Are All Free**

Until We Are All Free, led by formerly incarcerated criminal justice experts, is the connective tissue of our Legal Revolution. This

team will internally invest in all Pipeline scholars—providing community building & bridging resources, social and emotional support, leadership trainings, and social biography trainings.

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# **FRONTLINE & PEER SUPPORTS**



Kevin Reese, Co-Founder    Kahlee Griffey, Co-Founder

# *Partner Feature*

## **Mitchell Hamline Law Reentry Clinic**

The Reentry Clinic will provide individualized civil legal services (driver's license reinstatements, visitation rights, etc) to Pipeline scholars throughout their studies, whether they remain actively incarcerated or have returned home. The Legal Revolution Law Firm will also undertake impact litigation related to the full restoration of civic rights in partnership with the Clinic.



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# **CIVIL LEGAL SUPPORTS**



Jon Geffen,  
Reentry Clinic  
Director



Brad Colbert,  
LAMP Clinic Director &  
Professor of Law

# CAPTURING THE MAGIC

360



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## *Partner Feature*

### Youth Lens 360

Youth Lens, who harnesses the talent of youth ages 14-24, will capture the stories of the Pipeline scholars throughout their legal pursuits. They will also capture the unfolding of the Legal Revolution at large through interviews, shorts, and other video-related mediums.



# MEASURING THE MAGIC

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## *Partner Feature*

### **Ecotone Analytics**

We will work with Ecotone to develop the Revolution's Theory of Change and Logic Model. From there, their team will measure, model, evaluate and visually communicate the impact of the Revolution's Pipeline, Firm, and supportive services.



# THE IMPACT

## *Innovation*

The Legal Revolution is **dissolving the prison walls** that have divided our community for far too long by:

(1) leveraging the pandemic's forced migration to remote learning, and

(2) capitalizing on the American Bar Association's relaxation of "in-person, synchronous learning."

Both of the above were unanticipated foundational shifts that will allow for incarcerated scholars to attend paralegal and law school from the inside.

# IMPACT

## *Short Term Goals*

- (1) Enroll 2 juris doctorate scholars at Mitchell Hamline School of Law by August of 2022;
- (2) Active peer, mental health, academic, and civil legal supports for all paralegal and JD Pipeline scholars;
- (3) Facilitate community listening sessions for the Firm and identify gaps in legal services for incarcerated community;
- (4) Develop Firm employment prototype for employing juris doctorate graduates irrespective of licensure status under 51 M.S.A., Rule 110.04;
- (5) Spearhead collaborative, multi-tiered coalition to reform legal licensure regulations in Minnesota.

# IMPACT

## *Intermediate Goals*

- (1) Provide paid legal externships through the Firm to Pipeline scholars for educational credit;
- (2) Identify law firm partners in the private sector to roll-out employment prototype;
- (3) Enroll second cohort of paralegal Pipeline scholars and second cohort of juris doctorate scholars;
- (4) Undertake impact litigation focused on collateral effects of incarceration in partnership with Reentry Clinic and private firms;
- (5) Create a wellness tool-kit for legal educators and legal practitioners.

# IMPACT

## *Long Term Goals*

- (1) Identify partnering law schools to roll-out Pipeline in other regions of the United States;
- (2) Host collaborative legal conferences and community education events locally and nationally;
- (3) Scale key components of the Revolution, including the Pipeline, nationally and, eventually, globally;
- (4) Undertake class action litigation at the intersection of civil restoration and pre- and post-incarceration;
- (5) Revolutionize the legal landscape from the classroom, to the courtroom, to the community.

First Ever LSAT's administered in two MN prisons

PLP Paralegal Launched (5 Scholars)

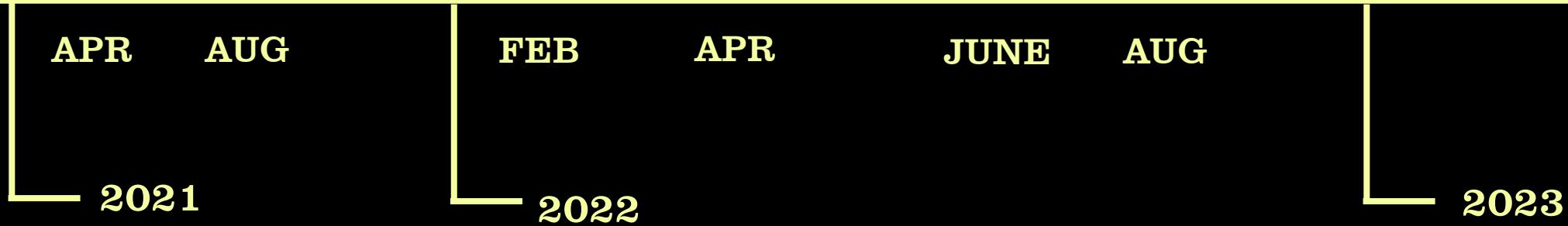
Legal Revolution Private Launch @ Brother Justus Whiskey

Second wave of 16 LSAT exams administered in two MN prisons

Legal Revolution Public Launch @ Brother Justus Whiskey

JD Pipeline Launches (2 Scholars)

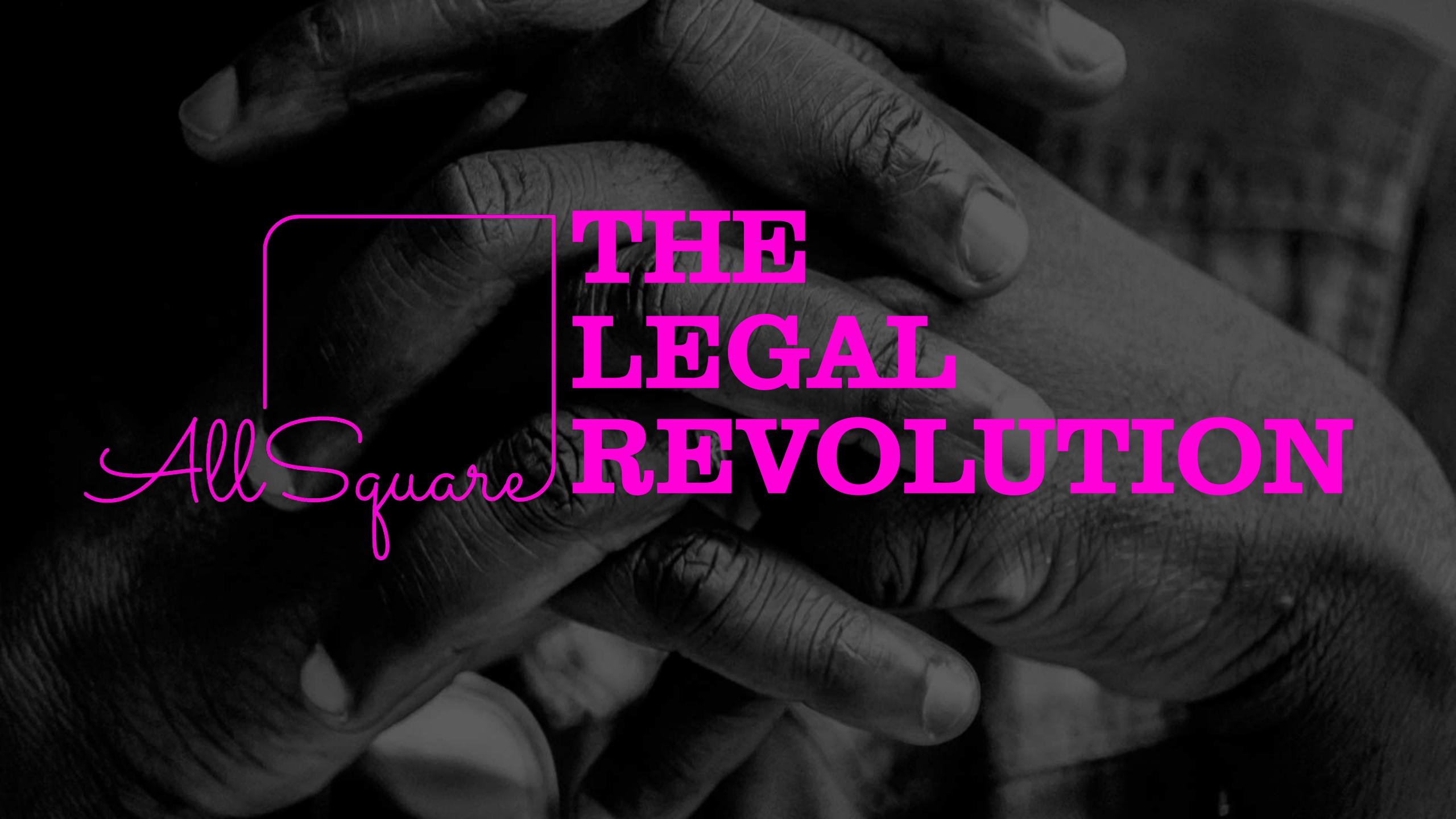
Legal Revolution Law Firm Opens



*Short-Term*

# TIMELINE





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